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NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER?

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Minister's Message.

Pure winds blow in the jewel-trees,
Producing the five tones of the scale.
As those sounds are harmonious and spontaneous,
Pay homage to Amida, the one imbued with pity.
(Hymns of the Pure Land 41, Shinran Shonin)



The Japan's new era "令和 (Reiwa)" just started on May 1. It was announced that the new era name originated from the following passage in 万葉集 (*Manyoshu*; the oldest existing collection of Japanese poetry).

「時に、初春の令月にして、れいげつ 気淑く風和ぎきよ かぜやわら (かぜ やわらぎ)、うめ 梅は
きょうぜん こ ひら らん はいご こう かおら 鏡前の粉を抜き、蘭は珮後の香を薫す」

It is the beginning of spring in the auspicious month, with the glorious weather and peaceful breeze. Plum blossoms are blooming white like beautiful women applying white powder in front of the mirror. The fragrance of orchids is wafting like that of clothes scented with incense.'

This work illustrates the scenery of beautiful plums blooming after a severe winter. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe says that this name expresses the sense, "Culture is nurtured when people bring their hearts together in a beautiful way". He has also mentioned that this name represents the hope that, just like a plum flower flourishes after the severely cold weather, every Japanese person will get their own "flower" to bloom vigorously and feel full of hope for the future.

令和 (Reiwa) consists of the two kanji characters '令' and '和'. Here, the 令 means 'auspicious' or 'noble'. The latter kanji '和' generally means 'peace'.

I hope new era will be peace, tranquility and full of love.

Sometimes, just for convenience, we go along with what others think or want just to avoid problems. We see often in this world that people establish calculated relationships. They temporarily join hands with someone with whom they do not agree, working together for the time being in order to defeat a common enemy. In such a relationship, there is not even an ounce of respect between the partners, even though they shake hands.

Because they have joined together only to defeat a common enemy, as soon as the enemy is beat the partnership collapses. Sometimes they even become new enemies.

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Peaceful and harmonious relationships are based on the mutual acceptance of difference and respect for others because they have something that we do not. This kind of relationship is founded on a spirit of respect.

Prince Shotoku made 17 articles constitution and 1st article says, "Harmony should be valued and quarrels should be avoided. Everyone has his biases, and few men are far-sighted. Therefore some disobey their lords and fathers and keep up feuds with their neighbors. But when the superiors are in harmony with each other and the inferiors are friendly, then affairs are discussed quietly and the right view of matters prevails." Without this kind of thinking, a peaceful world isn't possible.

Like Japan's new era name "Reiwa", let us respect each other and live in Peaceful Harmonious world.

Namo Amida Butsu

If you are homebound or in a care home or hospital, and would like Rev. Yagi to visit with you, please call him at 488-5685 to arrange a visit.

EVENTS OF JUNE 2019

1	Sat	5:30pm	O-Bon Dance at Hawai'i Plantation Village; food 4:30pm
2	Sun	9:00am	Family Service and Dharma School
3	Mon		First Day of Preschool Summer Session
3	Mon	7:30pm	Aiea Senior Young Buddhist Association meeting in office
4-6	Tue-Thu		61st State Ministers Association Seminar (Maui)
6	Thu	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association meeting in kitchen
8	Sat	9am-12:30pm	Suicide Awareness Workshop at Hawaii Betsuin, rsvp req'd.
9	Sun	8:00am	Quarterly Temple Beautification Day/no service
9	Sun	5-7pm	Pan Pacific Festival Peace Parade in Waikiki
11	Tue		Kamehameha Day (State Holiday)
15	Sat	7:00pm	Ewa Bon Dance (Sr YBA meet at 4pm at concession)
18	Tue	6:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Dinner Meeting
21-22	Fri-Sat	7:00pm	Wahiawa Bon Dance
23	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
28-30	Fri-Sun		62nd Jr. YBA State Convention at Pagoda Hotel
29-30	Fri-Sat	6:30pm	Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Bon Dance and "Bontique"
30	Sun	9:00am	Family Service and Dharma School
30	Sun	12:15pm	United Lay Association of O'ahu meeting at Waianae
30	Sun	1:00pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council meeting at Waianae

HIGHLIGHTS OF JULY 2019

4	Thur	9:00am	Independence Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)
7	Sun	9:00am	Family Service and Dharma School
7	Sun	1pm-3pm	Buddha Bowling Bash at Aiea Bowl. Please come by 12:30 to be ready to start at 1pm. Refreshments afterwards at Aiea until 4pm
11	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting in Kitchen
13	Sat	7:00pm	Waipahu Hongwanji Bon Dance
14	Sun	8:00am	Setup Yagura and concession stands, no Service
16	Tue	7:00 pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
20	Sat	7:00pm	Waianae Hongwanji Bon Dance
21	Sun	9:00am	Family Service and Dharma School
26	Fri		Last day of Preschool Summer Session
26	Fri		Setup and prep for Bon Dance
27	Sat	6:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Bon Service
27	Sat	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Bon Dance
28	Sun	9:00am	Bon Dance cleanup / No service

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

I hope you are well. We had a very busy April and May with travels to Japan. We enjoyed the May trip to Hokkaido with the AHM Buddhist Women's Association. It was a good group of 24 BWA members, family and friends. We traveled around Hokkaido by bus. We had use of the same bus the entire trip, which was convenient for us. The bus looked like it had extra room at the start of the trip. By the end of the trip, all of the empty space was taken up by packages of omiyage and souvenirs!

Prior to the BWA Spring Hokkaido Tour, I ventured to Japan with five other physician colleagues on a hiking tour of the Kii Peninsula in Wakayama, Japan. The walk follows the historic Kumano Kodo pilgrimage trail. This is one of only two pilgrimage routes in the world that have been given a UNESCO World Heritage designation. Pilgrims have been walking these paths for a thousand years.

The Kumano Kodo is a series of pilgrimage routes that criss-cross the Kii peninsula. These sacred trails were and are used for the pilgrimage to the Three Grand Shrines of Kumano: Kumano Hongu Taisha, Kumano Nachi Taisha and Kumano Hayatama Taisha. Our walk was a self-guided tour (cheaper and more of a sense of adventure, although a guide would probably contribute a lot of local knowledge) that took 7 days and 6 nights.

We landed at Kansai Airport and spent the first night at a "capsule hotel" at the airport. It was very comfortable, clean and cheap. The next morning we took a train to Yuasa, where our tour started. Yuasa is known as the birthplace of shoyu. We spent the first night at a small inn and took a "warm-up" 5-mile hike in the mountains above Yuasa. Had a nice hot furo bath. Dinner was an excellent *teishoku* style dinner with multiple courses including fish and a hot pot. Food went well with a little bit of sake. The next day we took a train to Kii-Tanabe, then rode in a mini-van to the real start of our walk at Takijiri. The first day was just 2.8 miles. However, it was a steep uphill with a maximum grade of 39.6% in places. Along the way, we stopped to rest or take photos at several small shrines or "oji" along the way. Our first night on the trail was at the Takahara *Kirinosato Inn*. We got to bathe (again) in an *onsen* (hot spring bath) to take the aches and pains away. We wore *yukata* to dinner. We slept on comfortable foam mattresses with warm fluffy *futons* on *tatami* mats. Dinner at this particular inn was especially tasty (the food at all of the inns were good or very good). The grilled fish was lemony/sweet/salty and I ate all of it and left just the bones. The *sake* also went well with our dinner. The inn is located at the top of the hillside and we enjoyed a really nice view of the mountains and the valley below. The next morning, after a nice breakfast we resumed our journey.

Our days were well planned. Each morning we would pack up our suitcases (one per person) and place them together. They would be picked up by a local courier in the morning and dropped off at our next inn. We carried our water, rain gear, extra socks and walking poles. We followed our maps and walked steadily following the trail signs. The trails were very well maintained and well marked. There was enough time for rest stops and lunch. We would usually get in by 3 or 4 in the afternoon. We would have time to clean up, bathe and get ready for dinner. After dinner, talk for a bit and go to bed relatively (for me) early.

Walking was tough. The longest day was 13.7 miles. This was not on flat ground, but uphill and downhill. I was fortunate to not get blisters or cramp up. I was able to complete the "pilgrimage" and visit the three Grand Shrines. I had time to "talk story" with my physician colleagues. I had a great time and I would look forward to doing this again (next time I will train more). If you are interested in finding out more about it, ask me.

Gassho, Warren



Mettabhavana Meditation

Amida Buddha surrounds all men and all forms of life with Infinite Love and Compassion. Particularly does he send forth loving thoughts to those in suffering and sorrow, those in doubt and ignorance, to those who are striving to attain Truth; and to those whose feet are standing close to the great change men call death, Amida Buddha sends forth oceans of Wisdom and Compassion.

Namo Amida Butsu.

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MESSAGE FROM HIS EMINENCE GOMONSHU KOJUN OHTANI ON THE 850TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHINRAN SHONIN'S BIRTH AND 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JODO SHINSHU TEACHING.

The year 2023 will mark the 850th anniversary of Shinran Shonin's birth and 2024 will be the 800th anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. To commemorate these occasions, we will be having the joint celebratory observance in 2023.

Shinran Shonin was born in 1173 and entered the priesthood at the age of nine. However, after devoting many years to monastic Buddhist practices on Mt. Hiei, he decided to descend the mountain at the age of 29. Following the guidance from his new mentor Honen Shonin, who introduced him to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, Shinran Shonin came to entrust himself to the Nembutsu teaching preached by his master. Several years later, their Nembutsu teaching was banned and Shinran Shonin was exiled to Echigo, present Niigata. Following his pardon, Shinran Shonin moved to the Kanto region where he engaged in propagation of the Nembutsu teaching of Other Power, namely the working of Amida's great wisdom and compassion. It is believed to be then when he began writing his main literary work, *The True Teaching, Practice and Realization of the Pure Land Way*, known as *Kyōgyōshinshō*. Since the essence of his teaching that emphasizes entrusting oneself to the Buddha's working of Other Power and recitation of the Nembutsu was clarified in the composition, the *Kyōgyōshinshō* is also referred to as *gohonden*, or the most foundational scripture of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. Based on Shinran Shonin's own inscription in the writing stating that he was 52 years of age at the time, the year 1224 became designated as the year when the Jodo Shinshu teaching was established.

Buddhism began approximately 2500 years ago when Śākyamuni became a Buddha, awakening to the true reality of this world, such as, the principles of dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. However, ordinary people like us are neither able to realize the truth of enlightenment nor practice a life of nonattachment. To the contrary, we see things from

our egocentric viewpoint and because of that we constantly suffer, encounter hardship, and fight with one another. That is why Śākyamuni Buddha informs us of the existence of Amida Buddha who had vowed to save all ordinary and foolish beings like us, by guiding us to supreme enlightenment. Furthermore, Shinran Shonin clarifies that we, as the recipient of Amida's working, have already received the Buddha's wish in the form of the Name, Namo Amida Butsu.

As the manifestation of the ultimate wisdom and compassion that accepts everything as it is, Amida Buddha's working equally embraces every living being, never to abandon us no matter how egoistic and filled with blind passions we may be. When truly realizing how vast the Buddha's compassion is, we cannot help but feel ashamed of our way of living that is a far cry from Amida Buddha's wish. That is why Shinran Shonin laments, "How ugly it is! How wretched!" in referring to himself. However, this feeling of shameful could motivate us to endeavor to lessen the Buddha's sorrow even if only limited results were expected. Furthermore, that sentiment should synchronize with our efforts of sharing the Buddha's Vow with as many people as possible and feeling others' grief and joy as our own, because these acts are in accord with the wishes of Amida Buddha, and also Shinran Shonin who aspires for peace and tranquility and the Buddha's teaching to spread throughout the world.

Let us appreciate the Dharma and Nembutsu teaching even more deeply, and together strive to realize a society in which everyone can live in peace and harmony, resonating in the hearts and minds of all. As the first step of this movement, I would like to ask for everyone's cooperation in continuing our organizational plans for the future and successfully conducting the joint celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching.

January 9, 2019

SHAKU SENNYO
OHTANI Kojun
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Service Schedule

Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching

At the conclusion of the annual commemorative ceremony of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching on April 15, 2019, Sennyō Monshū unveiled the schedule of the Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching, which will be conducted in 2023 as follows:

March 29 to May 21, 2023

(5 sessions / 6 days per session)

1st session	March 29 (Wed) – April 3 (Mon)
2nd session	April 10 (Mon) – April 15 (Sat)
3rd session	April 24 (Mon) – April 29 (Sat)
4th session	May 6 (Sat) – May 11 (Thu)
5th session	May 16 (Tue) – May 21 (Sun)

****Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will form a State Committee to plan a special tour to attend the service in Honzan.**

BISHOP'S CORNER —

Bishop Eric Matsumoto
As we observe Shinran Shonin's Birthday (Gotan-E), this year, let us turn our attention to the recent Message from His Eminence Kojun Ohtani about the upcoming Eight Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and Eight Hundredth Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching which will be observed in 2023, in that message, he states, "When truly realizing how vast the Buddha's compassion is, we cannot help but feel ashamed of our way of living that is a far cry from Amida Buddha's wish. That is why Shinran Shonin laments, "How ugly it is! How wretched!" in referring to himself. However, this feeling of shameful could motivate us to endeavor to lessen the Buddha's sorrow even if only limited results were expected. Furthermore, that sentiment should synchronize with our efforts of sharing the Buddha's Vow with as many people as possible and feeling others' grief and joy as our own, because these acts are in accord with the wishes of Amida Buddha, and also Shinran Shonin who aspires for peace and tranquility and the Buddha's teaching to spread throughout the world."

As I reflect on Gomonshū's guidance, I recall



the phrase "...to live the Nembutsu" as found in *Lamp for the Latter Ages*, Letter 16 in which Shinran Shonin's says "One must seek to cast off the evil of this world and to cease doing wretched deeds; *this* is what it means to reject the world and to live the Nembutsu." To be sure, it says "to live the nembutsu." "Rejecting the world" does not mean to abandon the world as meaningless and worthless. It means lamenting one's negativity and grateful responding in gratitude to Amida Buddha's Unconditional Compassion and thus care about this world by trying, imperfect and inconsistent as I am, to live my life according to the Dharma.

Speaking of gratitude, in the Pali language, gratitude is defined as "knowing what has been done." In the Chinese language, one of the Chinese characters for gratitude is comprised of two parts, one which means "cause" and the other refers to the "heart-and-mind." Thus, it reminds us to keep the cause (of why we are grateful) always in mind and moves the heart. A well-known expression goes "Knowing Gratitude, Respond in Gratitude." In the Japanese language, the word "arigatou" comes from the word "arigatai" literally meaning "difficult to have" with the implication of how precious and rare. It can be about a person, an object, an encounter and even being or existence (life) itself.

Gratitude is such a powerful force. It is more than just a feeling or emotion. True gratitude is life changing. Life transforming. In *The Teaching of Buddha*, it shares that the Wise show appreciation not only to the person(s) who helped (them) by returning some act of kindness, but to all those around them. Thus, expanding the circle of gratitude. Gratitude can change us and the world. In our current times with so much uncertainty, fear, violence, hatred and negativity what we need is a positive universal force in society to bring about more peace, harmony and kindness in the world. Truly, illuminated by Amida Buddha's Nurturing Light, encouraged by Shinran Shonin, may we "live the Nembutsu" motivated by the power of gratitude for Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion. Namo Amida Butsu.

62nd JR. YBA STATE CONVENTION. The Hawaii Federation of Junior Young Buddhist Associations will be holding its 62nd Jr. YBA State Convention on June 28-30, 2019 at the Pagoda Hotel hosted by the United Jr. YBA of Oahu. The theme of this year's convention is "*Okagesamade: Oh, The Places We'll Go!*"

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Mother's Day Service



Aiea BWA
Hokkaido Trip

Eshinni and Kakushinni Service Guest speaker
Mrs. Lois Toyama and Rev. Yagi





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BWA women on the last day of the trip. →

Headquarters Update (Continued from page 5)

CONDOLENCES. Mr. Stanley Mitsuo Kunitomo, a member of Kona Hongwanji Mission, passed away on April 9, 2019. Mr. Kunitomo served as Kyodan President from 2010 to 2012 and as active volunteer service to the temple. He was a Past President and active volunteer at the Keei Buddhist Church and Cemetery. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of JOU-JU-IN 成就院 which means "One who realized his goal" in recognition of his life of Nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on April 21, 2019.

BWA NEWS

16th World Buddhist Women's Convention: A total of 139 delegates will be attending the 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention in San Francisco from August 31st to September 1, 2019. There will be 55 going from Honolulu United, 29 from Oahu, 7 from Kauai, 24 from Maui, and 24 from Hawaii Island. The theme of the Convention is "Live the Nembutsu." Carol Valentine of Kauai will be our panel speaker. Keynote speakers will be Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi and Keiko Toro. Preceding the World Convention, there will be a meeting of the World Representatives. That meeting will be attended by Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Honorary Advisor; Tamayo Matsumoto, Honorary President; Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, Minister Advisor; Lois Toyama, HHMHFBWA President, and Linda Nagai, HHMHFBWA 1st Vice-President.

Eshin-ni – Kakushin-ni Endowed Chair at the Institute of Buddhist Studies: Hawaii's fundraising goal to support the establishment of this endowed chair was \$11,000. Thanks to the generosity of temple members and the efforts of BWA members throughout the state, we raised over \$14,000. We presented the check to Peggy Okabayashi and Janice Doi, the Buddhist Churches of America World Representatives, at our March 2, 2019 Federation Meeting.

Honolulu Museum of Art: Following the March 2, 2019 meeting of the BWA Federation, most of the attendees toured the Buddhist Exhibit at the museum. The docent-led tour, supplemented by comments from Bishop Matsumoto and Rev. Arthur Kaufmann, was very informative and interesting. This permanent exhibit is definitely worth viewing.



61st ANNUAL HONPA HONGWANJI STATE MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION SEMINAR. The 61st Annual Honpa Hongwanji State Minister's Seminar will be held on June 4-6, 2019 on the island of Maui hosted by Maui District Ministers' Association. The theme of the seminar is

"Secure Trusting Mind in Yourself and Guide Others on the Same Path." The guest lecturer will be Dr. Dennis Hirota, Professor Emeritus of Shin Buddhist Studies at Ryukoku University.

WAILUKU HONGWANJI DHARMA SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO KAUAI

Wailuku Hongwanji Dharma School and parents went to educational trip to Kauai from April 19 to 21. We were able to visit two Hongwanji temples (Kapaa and Lihue) and learned many wonderful histories of the temples. Dharma school students participated in Lihue Hongwanji's Sunday morning service and shared skits with Lihue Hongwanji members. We all received warm feelings of Aloha and Nembutsu from both Kapaa and Lihue Hongwanji Members.



HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PAN-PACIFIC PARADE. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will march in the Pan-Pacific Festival Parade on June 9, 2019 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. The Hongwanji Ohana will be humbly walking to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and promoting Peace Day Hawaii September 21st, as we "Walk in Peace" (2019 Hawaii Kyodan Theme and Slogan), carrying the symbolic Sadako Cranes.

PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY
— Enlightened Learning —

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA BISHOP CHIKO IWAGAMI FOR 2019 PBA BACCALAUREATE.

***The following message was read at the PBA Baccalaureate Service which was held on May 9, 2019 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. Ten seniors graduated from PBA this year.*

Congratulations class of 2019! As you are seated here, I am sure that you are reflecting on the many memories you have of the time you have spent here until today.

Graduation marks the end of one of many chapters in one's lifetime, and at the same time, it is also the starting point as you set off toward a new goal. As you take flight from Pacific Buddhist Academy, you will carry the memories of your days here at PBA together with your hopes and dreams in the next phase of your life.

On this special occasion, I would like to share with you the spiritual legacy of this school, that is, the Buddhist concepts of *kansha* and *shōjin*, each of which refers to "gratitude," and "devotion."

For the first concept of "gratitude," Hongwanji has been encouraging people to recite the "words of gratitude before meal," which go as follows,

We are truly grateful for this opportunity to share this wonderful meal thanks to all living beings who have made this occasion possible. In deep gratitude, *Itadakimasu*.

Our lives are supported by a number of elements, such as the nature including the sun, the earth, the water, as well as other lives that we actually take, including those of vegetables, meats, and fish. In addition, through the uncountable causes and conditions, we are enabled to receive each meal. Being aware of this fact and appreciating everything that allows us to be alive, let us express our gratitude by placing our palms together. This is the feeling of gratitude, or *kansha no kokoro* that we would like to promote among people.

Let us now reflect on the second concept of "devotion," or *shōjin*. *Shōjin*, is a Buddhist term which encourages people to devote themselves to something as a way leading them to happiness.

According to records, Sakyamuni Buddha's last words were as follows, "Fellow practitioners, this is the message I would like to leave for you. Nothing remains the same. Work ceaselessly and do not stop doing so." Through these words, Buddha implies the importance of dedicating one's lifetime to learning. Giving it your all, while being mindful.

This is what we must always keep in mind. At times, things may go as planned, while other times it may be very challenging. In society, we have a tendency to value only the outcome. Therefore, it is natural to focus only on the results, however, though the results may not turn out as expected, do not let it keep you down for long, or continue dragging this feeling with you. The



same could be said for when things go well. Boasting about your achievement and staying in that state will not get you anywhere. It is important to continue aiming for your next goal and being able to continue moving forward. Only then, can one truly become an admirable and beautiful person in the true sense.

As you, the graduating class of 2019, continue to expand your wealth of knowledge, it is my hope that you will continue to say "Thank you" with the spiritual legacy of this school expressing "gratitude" within each of yourselves throughout life, becoming a person of respect and characteristic beauty. Doing so, I am confident that a bright future will await you.

In closing, let me once again congratulate you on your graduation. Thank you.

May 9, 2019

Bishop Chiko Iwagami
Governor General
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

HI-5 RECYCLABLE DONATIONS

- We are sad to report the retirement of our master recycler Kazuto Tomoyasu and wish to thank him for his many years of dana or selfless giving to our temple. We thank the Aiea Junior YBA for stepping up to help with our recycling efforts.
- If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name.
- We are not able to recycle detergent bottles, milk bottles, ensure bottles. We can only recycle Hi-5 items. Please dispose of other items in your own blue bin.
- Please note—plastic drink bottles cannot be redeemed without the Hi-5 label. If label is detached, please roll it up and stick it in the bottle.
- *Thank you for your participation and continued support.* To improve the efficiency of our recycling program, could you please dispose of all caps from the bottles and do not include garbage and other non-Hi-5 items. Thank you for your efforts to keep Hawaii and Aiea Hongwanji GREEN.



Major Yearly Memorial Service Schedule

For The Year 2019

2018-1st year

2017-3rd year*

2013-7th year

2007-13th year

2003-17th year

1995-25th year

1987-33rd year

1970-50th year

* from the 2nd anniversary, please follow the Japanese custom of holding the service the year ahead.

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

If you would like to visit the Nokotsudo, please call the residence at 488-5685 or the office at 487-2626 at least two days in advance so that arrangements can be made to open the Nokotsudo for you. The best days to visit the Nokotsudo are Thursday and Sunday mornings.

Family Memorial Service

In the Japanese Buddhist tradition, families hold memorial services (Nen-ki Hoyo) in memory of our loved ones, and to express our gratitude for Amida Buddha's Infinite Light.

The Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion embrace our loved ones in the land of peace and happiness. May we also remember Amida's embrace on our lives as we remember those who have departed.

If your family would like to arrange a memorial service for your loved one, please call Rev. Yagi at 488-5685. (please leave a message if no one is available). You may schedule the service either before or after the memorial date. The ideal time is when as many family members as possible will attend.

June 2019

Suzanne Shizuko Mishima	1st
Gail Emiko Morimoto	1st
Rodney Iseo Oka	1st
Dorothy Sayako Mori	3rd
Masako Takara	3rd
Judy Kimiko Funasaki	13th
Yoshinobu Isa	17th
Paul Kiyoshi Nakamura Jr.	17th
Shizuko Isono	33rd
Masako Maeda	33rd

July 2019

Betty Hatsuko Nakahara	1st
Yoshito Yamamoto	1st
Mary Yoshiko Furukawa	13th
Gertrude Fumie Kurasaki	13th
Alice Yukiko Tamao	13th
Milton Ichiro Tateishi	13th
Elaine Chizuru Yamaguchi	13th
Mary Fumie Dacosin	17th
Hisako Monden	17th
Herbert Toshiaki Asada	25th

We apologize if we have inadvertently made an error in printing the name of your loved one, or the date of memorial. Please inform the office of any errors at 487-2626 so that we may correct our records.

We appreciate your assistance in updating our memorial records and contact information when you call in for a Memorial Service. Thank you.

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its
Deepest Sympathy to the families of
the Late Hisao Shimabukuro, Elaine Yukiko Takata,
Sharon Reiko Kubota and Masayuki Haramura*

PROJECT DANA

Volunteers are needed to assist with transportation for doctor and dentist visits, shopping, and respite visits. for the frail, elderly and disabled living at home in the area from Waimalu to Salt Lake. A Big Thank You to Frank and Helen Takenouchi for their ongoing work with Project Dana.

Please call the office at 487-2626 if you are interested in becoming a Project Dana volunteer of Aiea Hongwanji. Orientation and training will be provided to the volunteers.

Aiea BWA News

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the April 28 Eshinni and Kakushinni Day service and Church Bazaar. Food items, many of them donated by member makers, were very popular. The Trash and Treasures sale was also successful. Thank you to all the hard workers who arranged donations, set up and cleaned up for this event.

The Aiea Hongwanji Hokkaido Tour, arranged via Kobayashi Travel, was thoroughly enjoyable judging by the happy memories brought back by the travelers. Maybe travel again next year?

As a reminder, please join us in the hall after Sunday services to relax and talk story. The BWA provides refreshments in the hall after every Sunday service.
In Gassho. Janice Ito, BWA Past President



Senior YBA News

It's summer time and that means obon dance time. We will once again assist Ewa Bon Dance with their bon dance by working in their concession booth on June 15th (Saturday),

selling hot dogs and saimin. It is our Service Project. Volunteers are most welcome. Please call the office at 487-2626 if you are interested in helping.

In Gassho, *George Zakahi*



AHM BWA Spring Hokkaido Tour 2019. The AHM Buddhist Women's Association enjoyed their Spring Hokkaido Tour from May 8-17, 2019. The tour started with an overnight at the Chitose Airport. We traveled by bus clockwise around Hokkaido starting in Otaru and ending in Sapporo. Highlights included making music boxes and shopping in Otaru, fields of tulips, Okhotsk Ryuhyo (drift ice) Museum, hillsides covered with white and pink phlox (shibazakura), Lake Mashu, Kushiro Japanese Crane Reserve, boat cruise on Lake Akan, Blue pond and snow-covered mountains. Here are some of the comments about the tour:

"Having such extravagant breakfast and dinner buffets was beyond delight. The traditional full course Japanese dinner was also eventful. It's been a while since I ate a whole fish down to the bone. Having the brave experience bathing and relaxing at three Onsen was also a treat. Someone could become retired rich by opening one in Hawaii. And I could go on and on. Seeing my first Sakura (cherry blossom), drinking quality sake, seeing live cranes in flight and deer on the roadside, sleeping with fluffy futon and shopping were all wonderful first time experiences for me." (Mavis)

"Very memorable trip with the scenic places, cherry blossoms and tulips. The food was fabulous and delicious! Very impressive country!" (Doreen)

"As the local saying goes. . . Hawaii No Ka 'O'i. . . but to me if you're looking for FUN. . . Nihon is ICHIBAN!!! Throughout our entire stay we were treated to superb cuisine, excellent service and breathtaking scenery. And the shopping was fantastic! According to Hiro, our fabulous and well-informed tour guide, we beat the record in the number of boxes filled with omiyage! Do I hear a 'Hana Hou'!?!?!!" (Diane)

"Enjoyed the good company and the nightly sake club. Of course, the food was awesome and the scenery unbelievable. Can't wait for the next trip!" (Jean and Aki)

I hear that Sado Island and Niigata are favored destinations in the future. Is that a possibility?

Volunteer Office Assistant opening. Applications are being accepted for a Volunteer Office Assistant in our temple office between June 1-7, 2019.

Position to start June 16, 2019. Call 487-2626, leave your name, phone # and Arlene will get back to you with more info.

Aiea Hongwanji Obon will be on July 27 this year! Please save these dates as we will need your help preparing for this annual event:

July 14 (8am) Yagura/Food Booth Construction

July 27 (8am) set up, decorating, etc.

(6pm) Obon service

(7pm) Obon dancing

(10pm) clean up

July 28 (9am) Dismantle Yagura, clean up

We will also need dessert donations for after Obon refreshments on the 27th.

Thank you for your continued support! Submitted by Arlene Sunada.



GOLDEN CHAIN OF LOVE

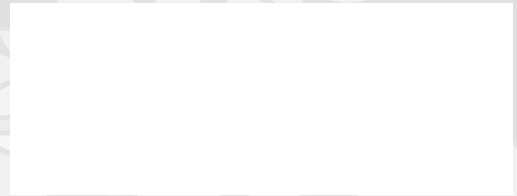
I am a link in
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to be kind and
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to think pure and
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Namo Amida
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"BUDDHA BOWLING BASH"



Sponsored by: Oahu Lay Association

Hosted by: Aiea Hongwanji

Please sign up for an afternoon of fellowship and fun! Beginners, young and young at heart, friends and relatives are all welcome! We're bowling 2 games, and prizes will be given in various categories at the end of your 20 frames. Bowling starts PROMPTLY at 1:00 pm.

DATE: July 7, 2019 Sunday ← Note New Date

TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 PM, refreshments to follow at Aiea Hongwanji till 4:00PM. Be there at 12:30 for shoes and lane assignments.

PLACE: AIEA BOWL - 99-115 Aiea Heights Drive

PARKING: Will also be available at Aiea Hongwanji

COST: \$20.00 per person for 2 games & shoes
Cash or check payable to: Oahu Lay Association

RSVP: Aiea Hongwanji at phone: 487-2626 or
email: aieajiko@gmail.com

DEADLINE: Thursday, June 27, 2019

Join your friends from these Hongwanji temples:

Aiea Ewa Mililani Pearl City Wahiawa
Waialua Waianae Waipahu

Dear Aiea Hongwanji 'Ohana & Friends,

SAMPLE
(Approximate size 9" x 3")

As the Obon season approaches, let us stop to reflect and remember our dearly departed. We are giving our families an opportunity to purchase a memorial windcatcher. These are tags with the names of loved ones hanging from lanterns.

Cost is \$20 each, payable to Aiea Hongwanji Mission.

Deadline for ordering is Friday, June 28, 2019.

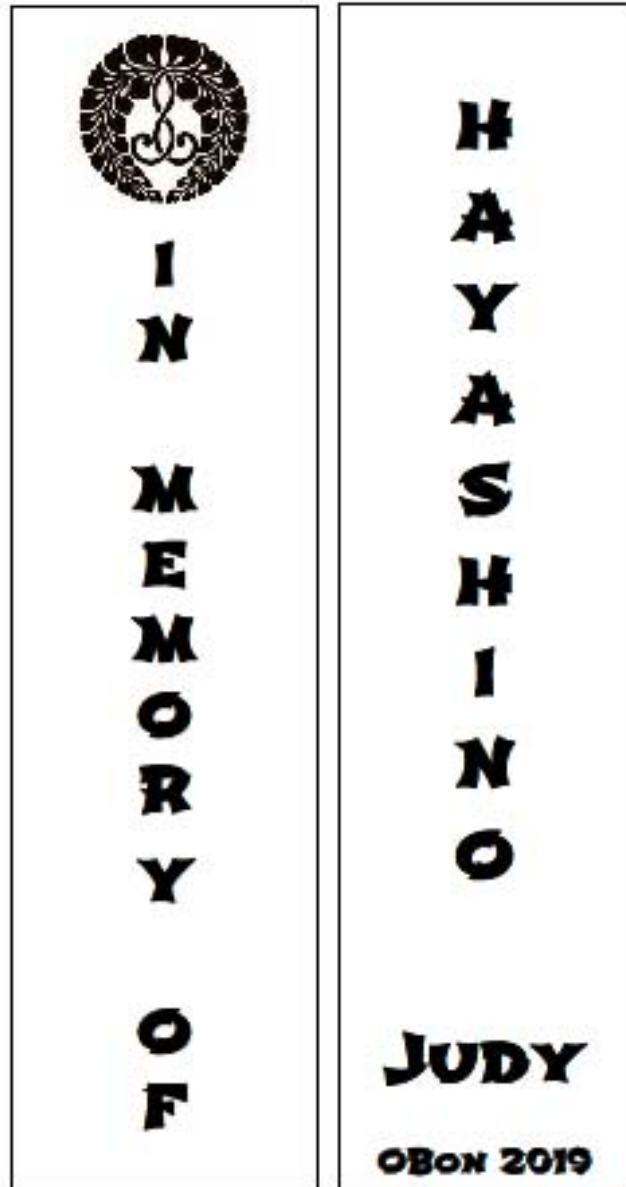
Windcatchers are available on a limited, first-come, first-served basis, so please turn in your requests and payments in a timely manner.

Submit your name(s) to Diane Okawa via email, okawad96701@hawaii.rr.com or mail your completed form to Aiea Hongwanji. Send your payment to:

Aiea Hongwanji Mission
99-186 Puakala Street
Aiea, HI 96701
Note: Obon Windcatcher

With Gassho,

Reverend Shawn Yagi
Resident Minister



WINDCATCHER ORDER FORM (\$20.00 per windcatcher)

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Name(s) on Windcatcher: _____

Our Silent, Fun, and Productive Silent Auction

Silent, fun, and productive, those words can describe the silent auction at our 2019 New Year's party. Silent because all bids were written. Fun because there were many winners and the challenge itself was a "just right" activity for many. And productive because a donated variety of no longer needed extra items found happy new homes while our Temple also received new funds to assist with the expenses of the party. So, let's try again.

We are planning another silent auction for this summer's Obon on July 27, 2019. Yes, that is a new date for this year's Obon due to a major conflict in the area in August. Please bring what you already have that is reasonably repurposeable and drop off with the BWA ladies on Sundays or Thursdays. Just mention the silent auction.

KAHUKU HONGWANJI MISSION SCHOLARSHIP

The Kahuku Hongwanji Mission closed its doors in February 2013 after serving its membership for 111 years.

To maintain the legacy of the Kahuku Hongwanji Mission and to develop the future generations of the Hongwanji, Kahuku Hongwanji Mission established a scholarship to support students at the college level.



Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a member of the BSC Fellowship Club or an active member of a Hawaii Kyodan organization.
- The applicant must be a full-time student of an accredited college, university, or a post-high school program in the State of Hawaii, and earn a minimum of 12 college credits per semester.
- The applicant must have a required minimum college GPA of 2.5.
- The applicant must be of college age up to 35 years old.
- The applicant must submit the application form with an essay on "Dharma and My Life".

Application Deadline: July 31 of the year of application

Scholarship Amount: \$1,500.00



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